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March 23, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Port of Mattawa Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grant County Port District No. 3 (Port of Mattawa), located at 20140 Road 24 SW Suite G, Mattawa, WA 99349.

This project would begin work on a major expansion of our agricultural wastewater treatment system that has grown in statewide significance for the agricultural industry and more importantly as an economic engine for Mattawa, WA, a rural socioeconomically disadvantaged community (in central Washington) in which 98% of the students are minority and 92% qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. The Port of Mattawa's proposed Phase 5 wastewater treatment infrastructure expansion project would greatly expand capacity of the system, which will help to create more jobs and stimulate economic growth as it will allow for agricultural, food processing companies to continue to grow and hire more people in a disadvantaged Mattawa community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, because the Port of Mattawa's original system is at-capacity, and pushing the capabilities of this system (completed in 2008). In fact, recently the Port has had to limit users on the amount of wastewater they can send to the system, which restricts growth and production, and thus hurts job retention and creation, and economic development in the Mattawa community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress